CURRENTLY PENDING CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

~~receiving an incoming call from a party~~ establishing a packet-based call session with a remote party over an Internet Protocol network;

~~receiving calling party information associated with the incoming call;~~

receiving information associated with at least one physical attribute of the party during the packet-based call session;

altering at least a portion of an image associated with the ~~calling~~ party information based on the received information; and

displaying the altered image during the packet-based call session.

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2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving information associated with at least one physical attribute comprises receiving information associated with facial expressions of the party.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving information associated with at least one physical attribute comprises receiving information associated with the ~~lips~~ lip movement of the party.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein altering at least a portion of an image comprises altering the lips of the image.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~wherein receiving calling party information comprises~~ receiving at least one of a phone number and name associated with the ~~incoming~~ packet-based call session.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving information associated with at least one physical attribute comprises receiving a numeric value associated with one of a plurality of facial expressions.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~wherein receiving the incoming call comprises~~ receiving voice signals during the packet-based call session.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein displaying the altered image comprises displaying an image of moving lips of the party that are substantially synchronized with the voice signals.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein establishing the packet-based call session over an Internet Protocol network comprises establishing the packet-based call session ~~receiving an incoming call comprises receiving a call~~ over a wireless link.

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10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

an interface adapted to receive voice information and animation information ~~over~~ in a call ~~from~~ session with a party, wherein the animation information is representative of a facial expression of the party;

at least one storage device to store:

an electronic representation of an image of the party; and

a controller adapted to:

communicate Session Initiation Protocol messaging over a packet-based network to establish the call session;

animate at least a portion of the electronic representation of the image based on the animation information; and

display the animated image during the call session.

11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the controller is adapted to receive calling party information associated with the call session.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the controller is adapted to access the image based on the calling party information.

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the controller is adapted to animate a ~~pair of~~ lips in the image that are substantially synchronized with the voice information.

14. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the animation information comprises ~~receiving~~ a numeric value associated with one of a plurality of facial expressions.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the controller is adapted to:
track physical attributes of a user of the apparatus; and
map the physical attributes of the user to a selected value.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the controller is adapted to transmit the selected value to a remote telecommunications device.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the controller is adapted to receive the voice information over a wireless link.

18. (Currently Amended) An article comprising at least one machine-readable storage medium containing instructions that when executed cause a processor to:
communicate Session Initiation Protocol messaging to establish a packet-based call session;
receive a voice signal from a participant ~~over a~~ in the call session;
receive ~~an image comprising~~ information representing at least a portion of a face of the participant; and
~~modify a portion of the~~ animate an image based on the received information so that ~~the lips~~ movement of the face ~~are~~is substantially synchronized with the voice signal.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 18, wherein the instructions when executed cause the processor to ~~receive~~ retrieve the image from a storage device.

21. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 18, wherein the instructions when executed cause the processor to ~~receive~~ retrieve the image based on at least one of a phone number and name of the participant.

22. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 18, wherein the instructions when executed cause the processor to receive mapping information ~~over~~ in the call session, wherein animating the image is based on the mapping information.

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23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 18, wherein the instructions when executed cause the processor to display the ~~portion of the~~ animated image.

25. (Currently Amended) A data signal embodied in a carrier wave comprising instructions that when executed cause a processor to:

receive ~~calling~~ remote party information associated with ~~an incoming~~ a call session established over an Internet Protocol network;

receive voice information and mapping information ~~from~~ during the ~~incoming~~ call session;

receive at least a facial image associated with the ~~calling~~ remote party information; and

animate the facial image based on the mapping information and voice information.

26. (Currently Amended) The data signal of claim 25, wherein the instructions when executed cause the processor to receive one of a phone number and a ~~caller~~ name associated with the ~~incoming call~~ remote party.

27. (Currently Amended) The data signal of claim 25, wherein the instructions when executed cause the processor to animate the lips of the facial image so that the lips are substantially synchronized with the voice ~~signal~~ information.

28. (Original) The data signal of claim 25, wherein the instructions when executed cause the processor to receive the image from a storage device.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) A communications system, comprising:

a first telecommunications device adapted to:

track at least one physical attribute of a participant;

associate the physical attribute to a selected value; and

transmit the selected value; and

a second telecommunications device capable of receiving the selected value, the second telecommunications device adapted to:

establish a call session with the first telecommunications device using Session Initiation Protocol messaging;

reconstruct the physical attribute of the participant based on an image and the selected value; and

display the reconstructed image during the call session.

31. (Original) The communications system of claim 30, wherein the selected value represents one of a plurality of facial expressions of the participant.

32. (Currently Amended) The communications system of claim 31, wherein the first telecommunications device is adapted to transmit a voice signal in the call session.

33. (Original) The communications system of claim 32, wherein the reconstructed image comprises an animated image of the lips of the participant substantially synchronized with the voice signal.

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a video camera adapted to track at least one physical attribute of a user; and

a controller adapted to:

establish a packet-based call session with a remote telecommunications device over an Internet Protocol network;

determine animation information based on the at least one physical attribute of the user; and

transmit the animation information to ~~a~~ the remote telecommunications device in the packet-based call session.

36. (Original) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the at least one physical attribute comprises facial expressions of the user.

37. (Original) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein each facial expression of the user is assigned a selected value, where the selected value represents one of a plurality of facial expressions.

38. (Original) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the at least one physical attribute comprises a pair of lips of the user.

39. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the controller is further adapted to ~~receive~~ transmit voice signals and wherein the animation information represents the pair of lips being substantially synchronized with the voice signals.

40. (Original) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the remote telecommunications device is a cellular phone.

41. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein altering the at least a portion of the image comprises animating the image.

42. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein animating the image based on the received information is based on information consuming less bandwidth than video image data of the remote party.

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43. (New) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the animation information consumes less bandwidth than video image data representing the party.

44. (New) The article of claim 18, wherein the received information consumes less bandwidth than video image data representing the participant.

45. (New) The data signal of claim 25, wherein the messaging information consumes less bandwidth than video image data representing the remote party.

46. (New) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the animation information consumes less bandwidth than video image data representing the user.